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# Measuring the cross-section of dark matter in galaxy clusters

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# Overview

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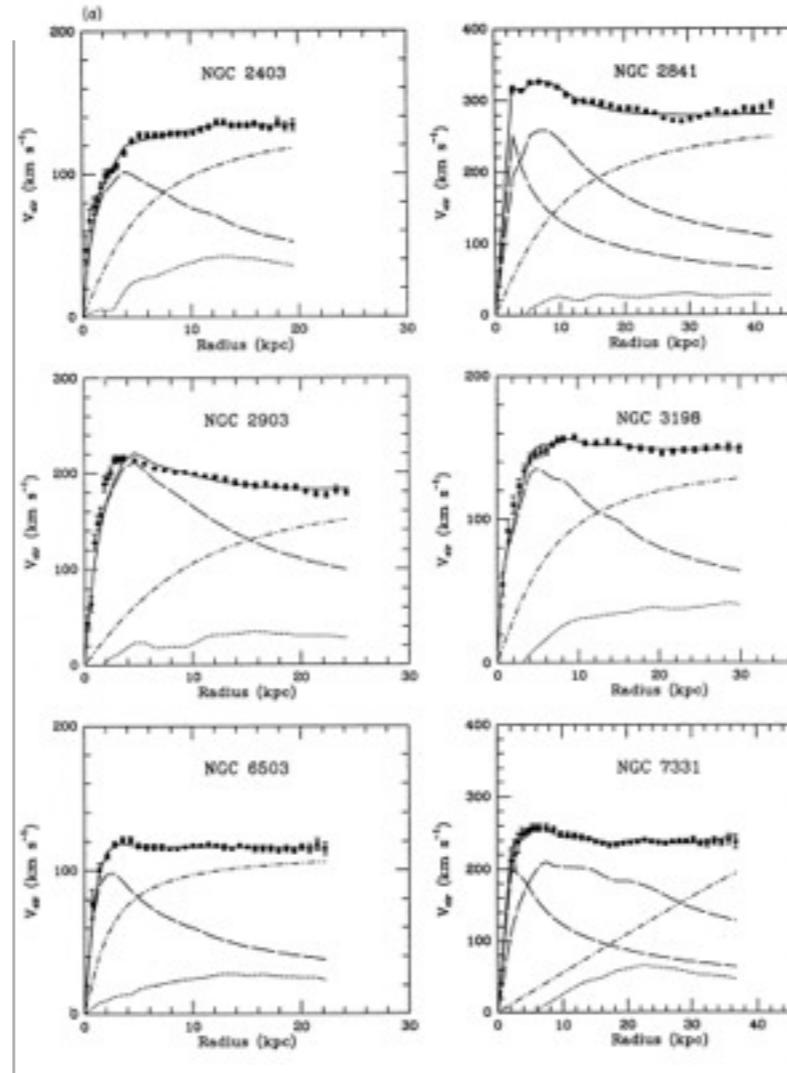
- Dark Matter and the accumulating evidence
- The Self Interacting Dark Matter Paradigm
- Extending the bullet cluster
- Potential Constraints from Hubble Archive
- Data Science in Astronomy

# The evidence



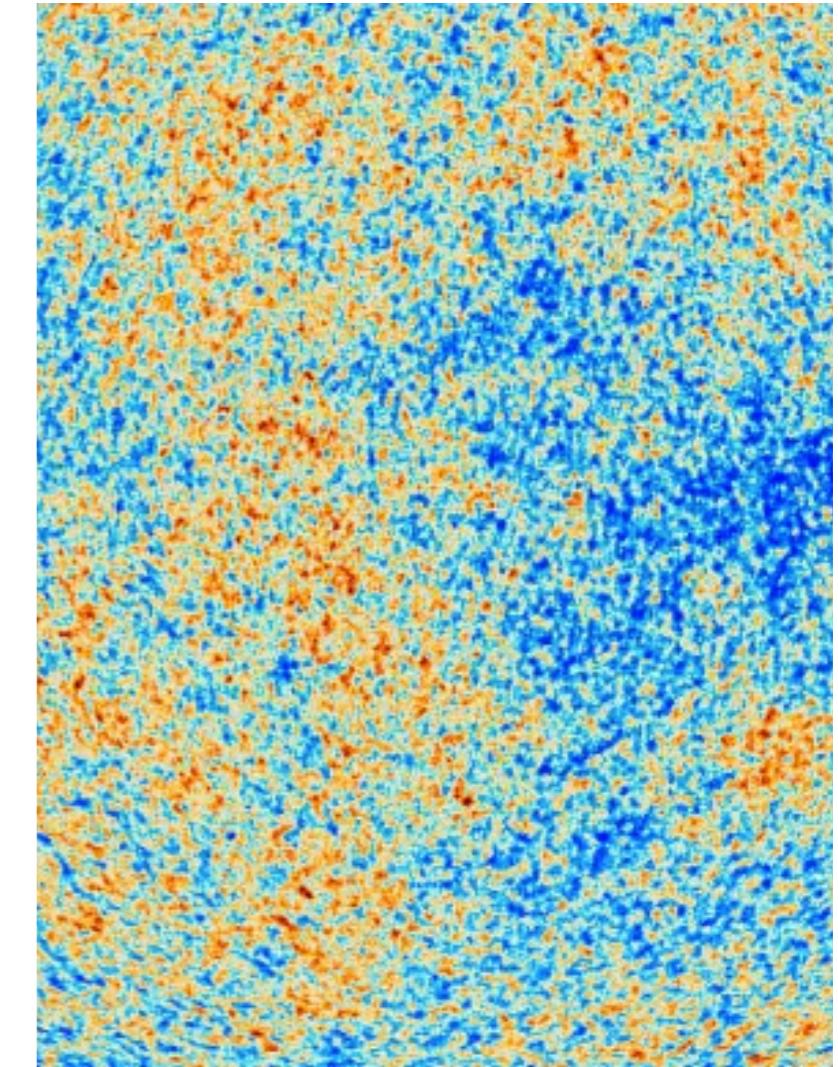
## Galaxy Clusters

Nasa, Stsci, Jullo, Natarajan, Kneib



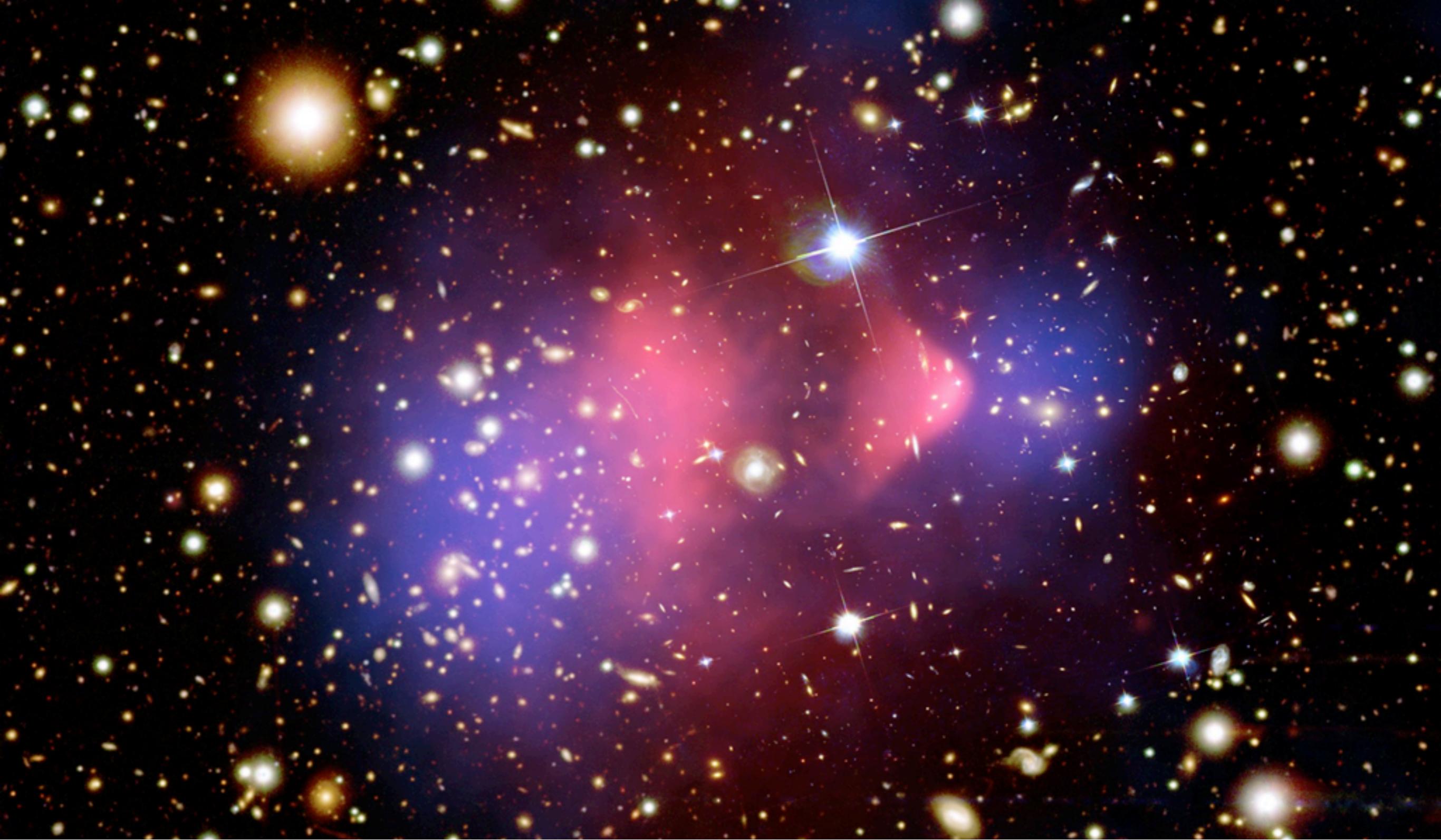
## Rotation curves

Begeman, Broeils & Sanders, 1991



## CMB

Planck Collaboration

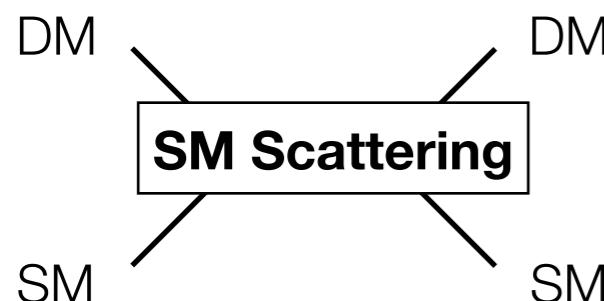


The Bullet Cluster

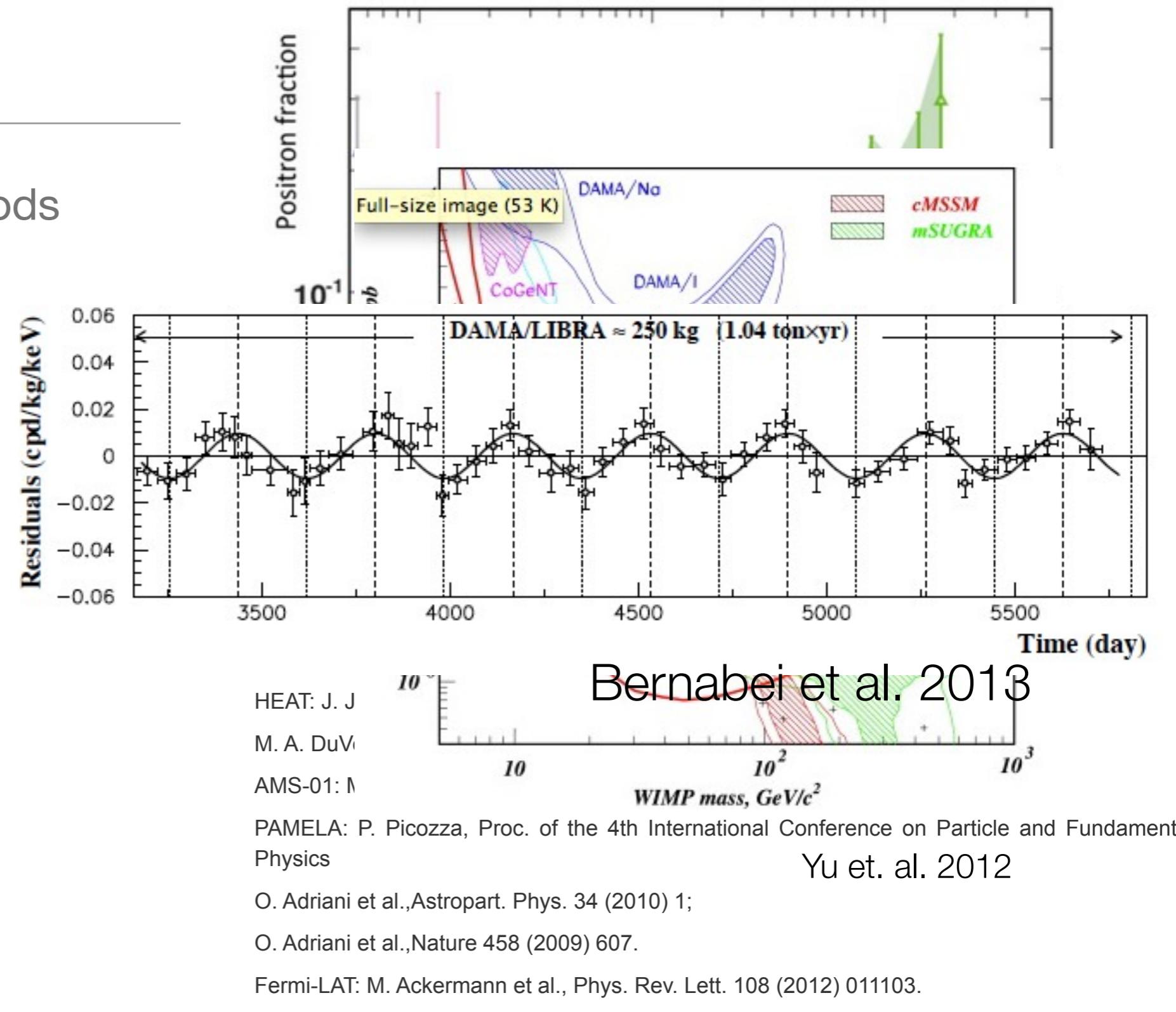
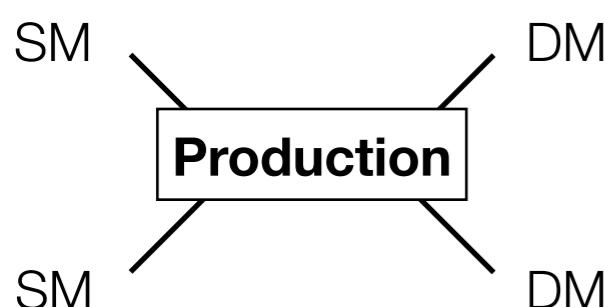
Clowe et. al., 2006

# Detection

- Direct detection methods



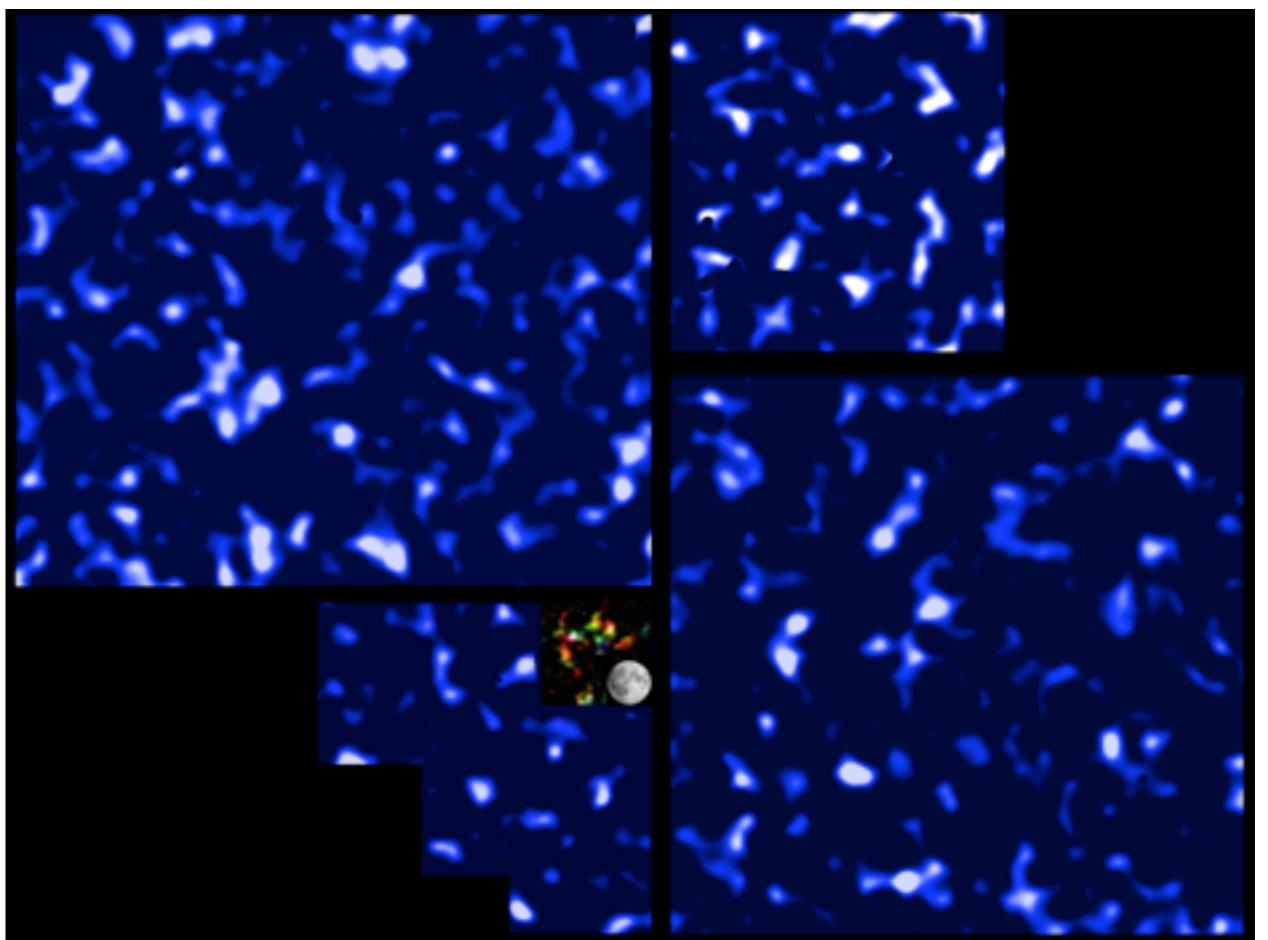
- Indirect detection



# What is dark matter?

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- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles?
- Modified Gravity?
- Standard model?
- New physics?
- Collisionless?

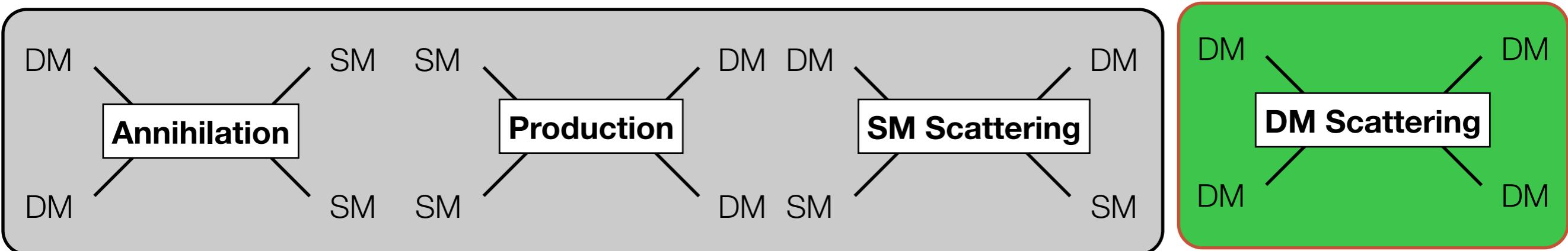
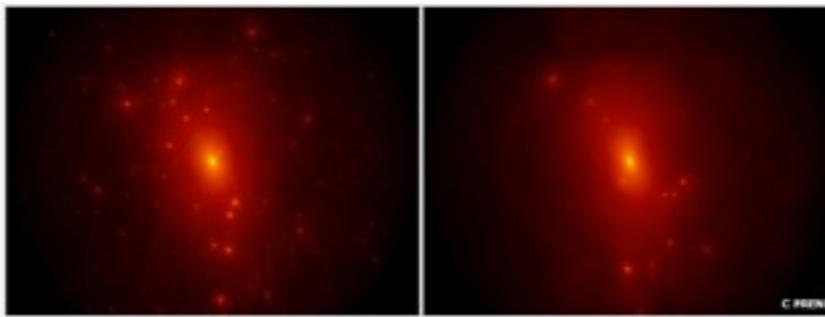


Cosmos credit: NASA, ESA, P. Simon and T. Schrabback  
CHFT Credit: Van Waerbeke, Heymans, and [CFHTLens](#) collaboration.

# The self interacting dark matter paradigm

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- What is it?
- What it will mean?
- What could it solve?
- Can we compete with the particle physicists?



Markevitch et. al., 2006

$$\frac{\sigma}{m} < 1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}.$$

Bradac et. al., 2008

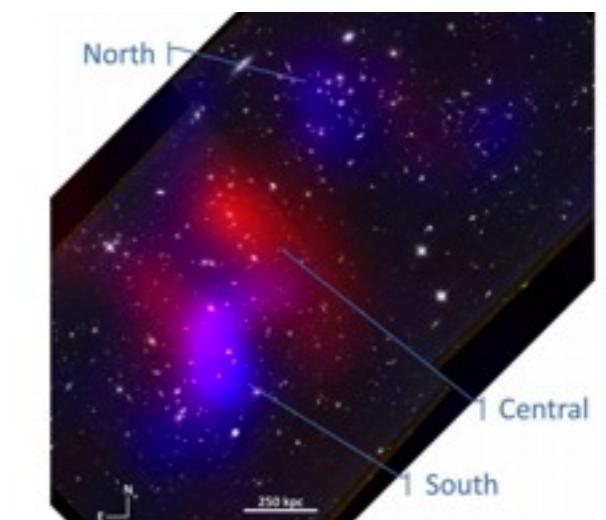
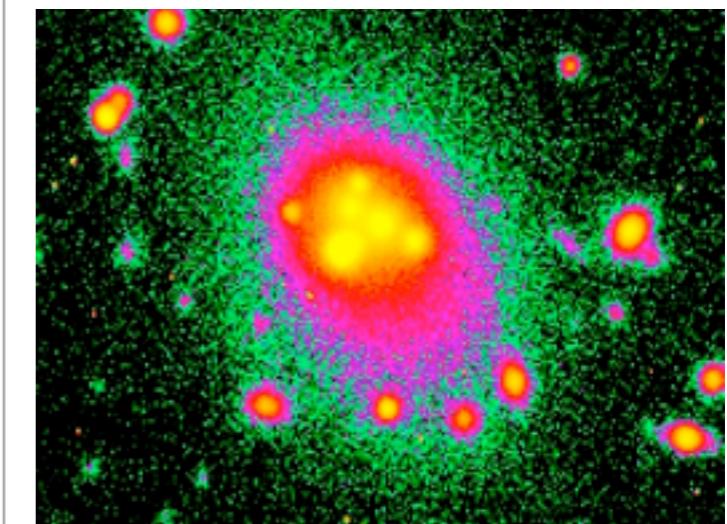
$$\sigma/m < 4 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$

William & Saha, 2011

$$\sigma/m \gtrsim 4.5 \cdot 10^{-7} \left( \frac{t}{10^{10} \text{ yr}} \right)^{-2} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ gm}^{-1}.$$

Dawson et. al., 2012

$$\sigma_{\text{DM}} m_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \lesssim 7 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$$



# How is the cross-section parameterised?

1.

$$\chi\tau_m = \frac{\sigma}{m} \Sigma_m \left[ 1 - 2 \left( \frac{v'_{esc}}{v_0} \right)^2 \right]$$

Markevitch et. al., 2006

Fraction of particles lost in collision

Probability of particles colliding

Probability of losing a particle

2.

Scattering Depth

$$\tau_s = \frac{\sigma}{m} \Sigma_s$$

Markevitch et. al., 2006

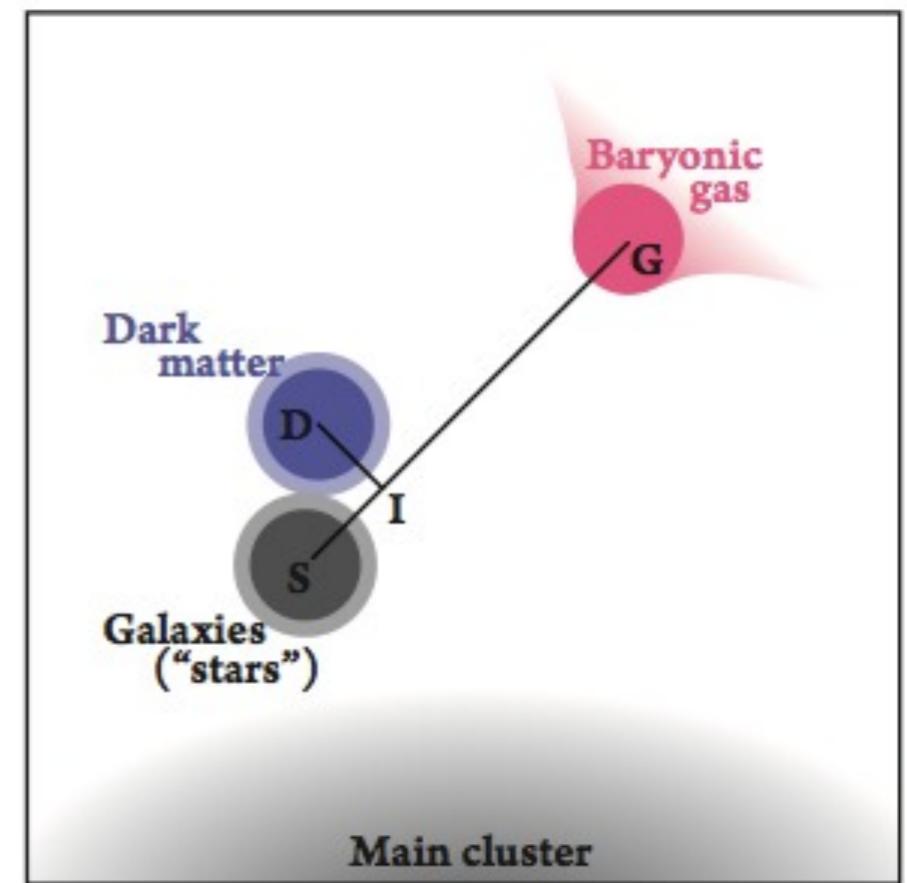
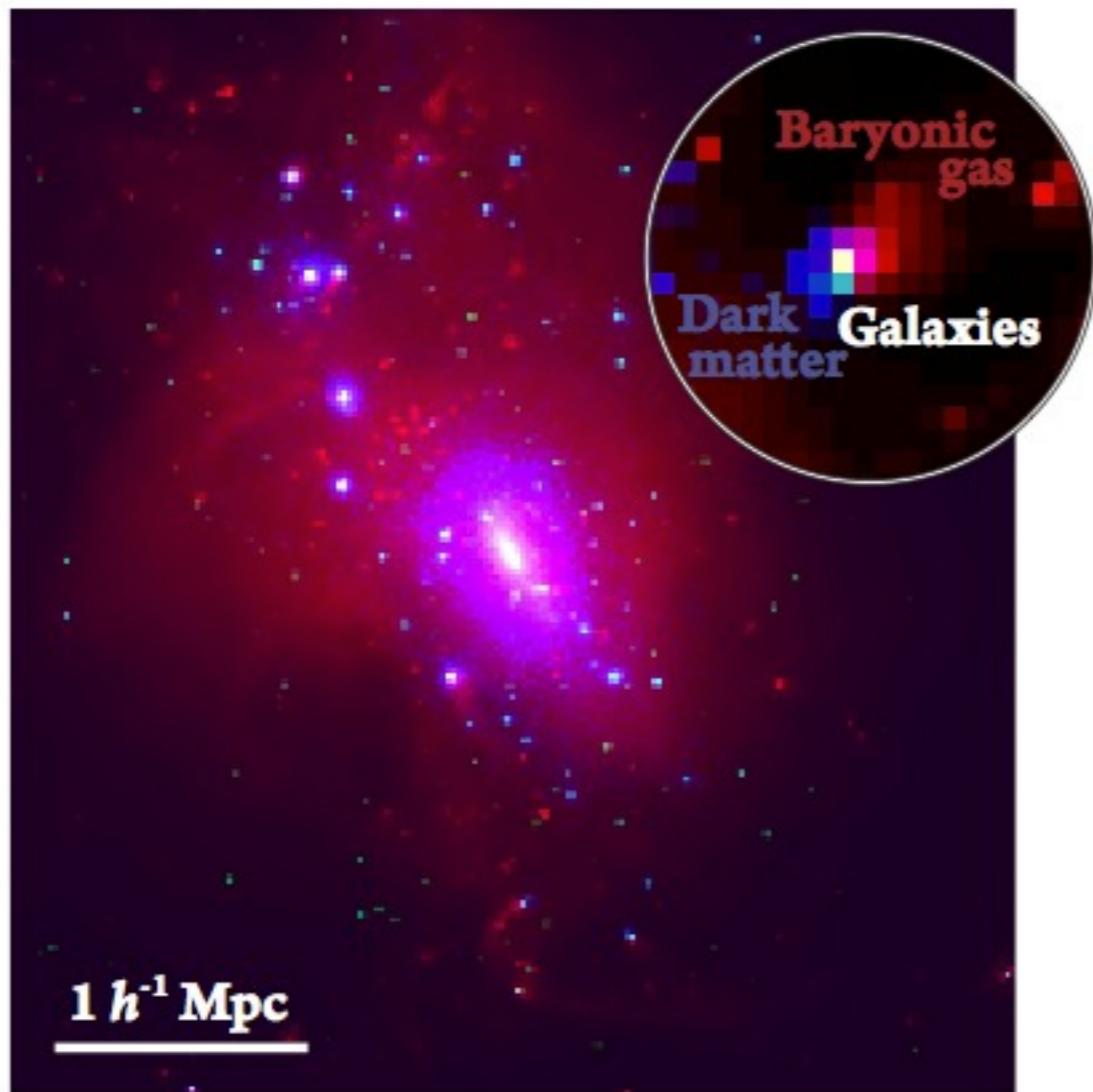
3.

$$F_{dm} \sim \frac{GM_{co}M_{dm}}{r^2} \times \left[ 1 - \frac{M_{dm} \sigma/m}{\pi s^2} \right]$$

William & Saha, 2011

Force due to the cluster

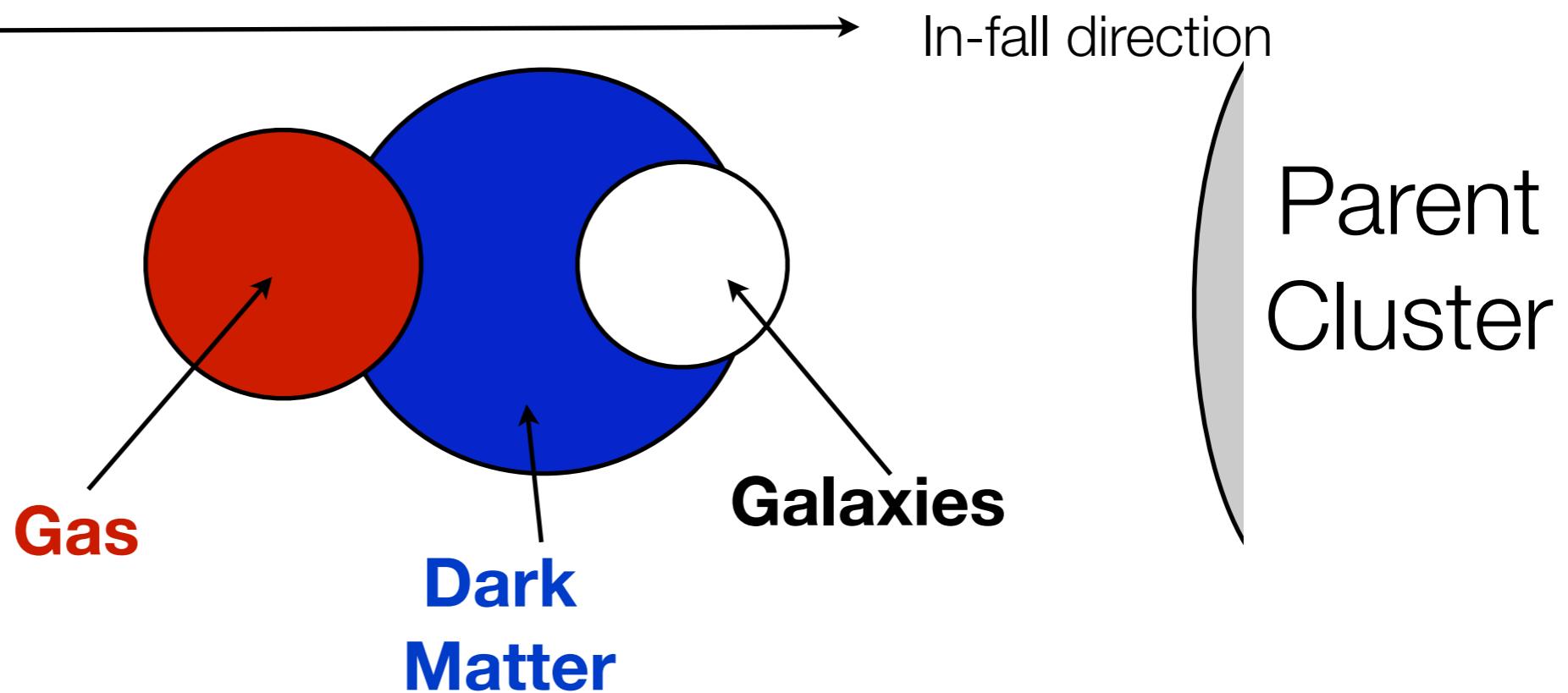
Dimensionless covering factor



Accreting substructure

# A new framework

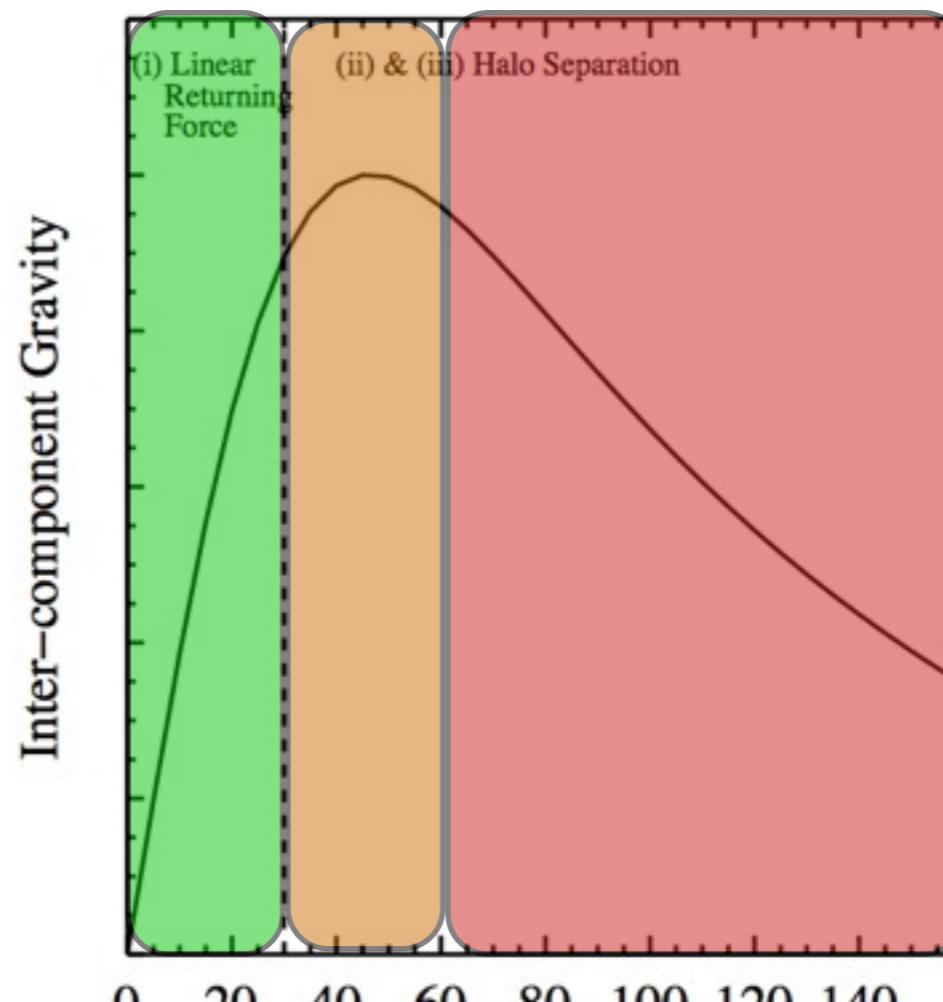
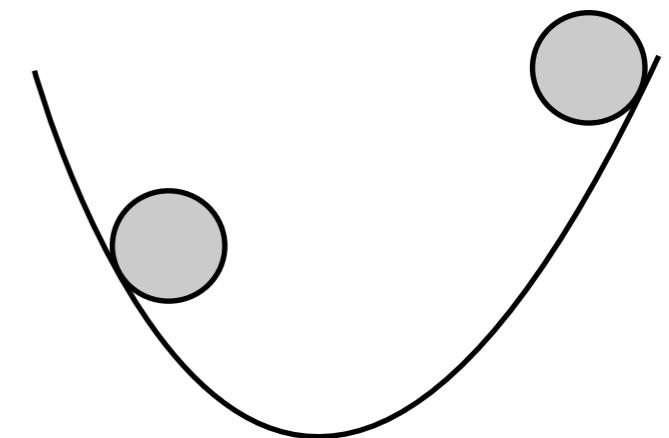
- Cluster Potential
- DM Sub-Halo potential
- Retarding Drag Force



# The DM Sub Halo Potential

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- The dark matter sub-halo potential is dominant
- Extended Objects
- Three regimes
  1. Linear Regime
  2. Turn over
  3. Halo Separation



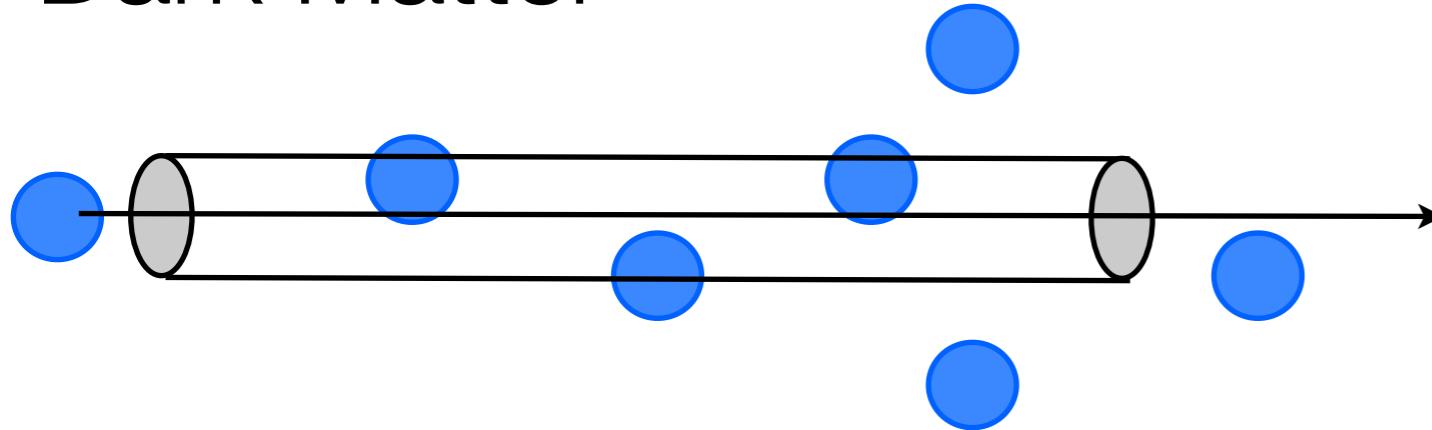
# Gas & Dark Matter Drag

## Gas

- Drag Equation

$$\mathbf{D}_G = -\frac{1}{2} C_G A_G \rho_G^{\text{ICM}} v_G \mathbf{v}_G$$

## Dark Matter



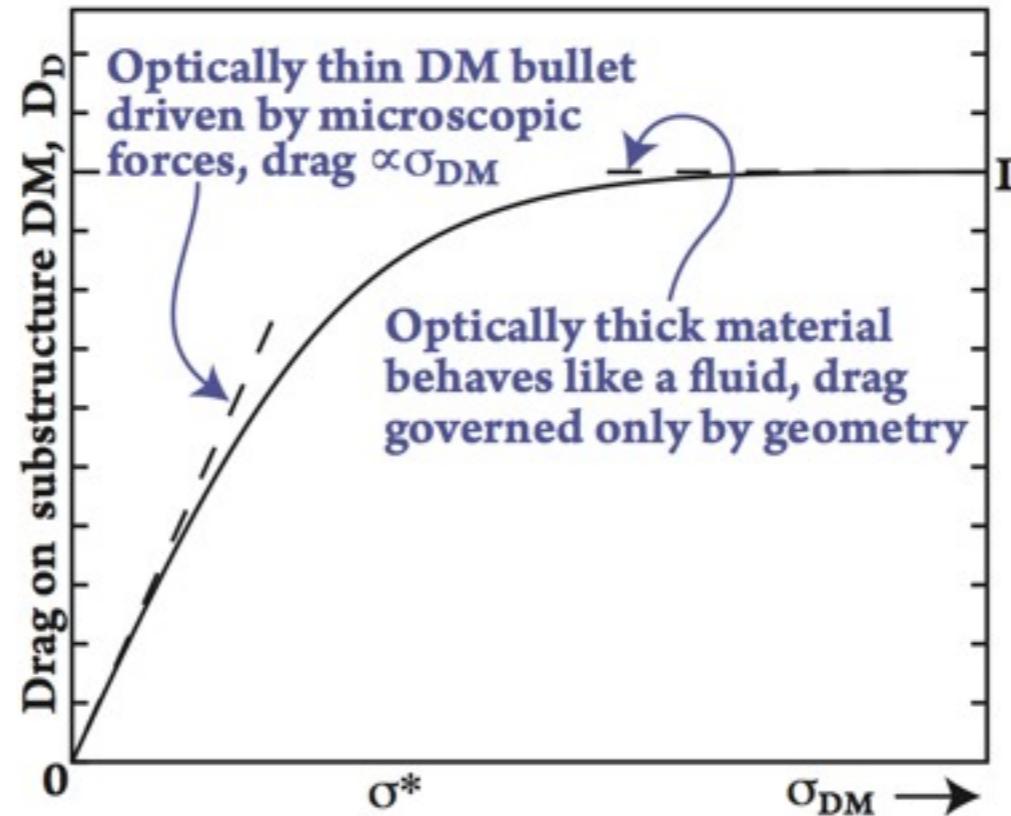
### Assumptions

- Low cross-section
- Indistinguishable DM particles
- Instantaneous, elastic collisions

$$\mathbf{D}_D \approx -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\sigma}{m} \rho_D M_D v_D \mathbf{v}_D$$

# Dark Matter Drag

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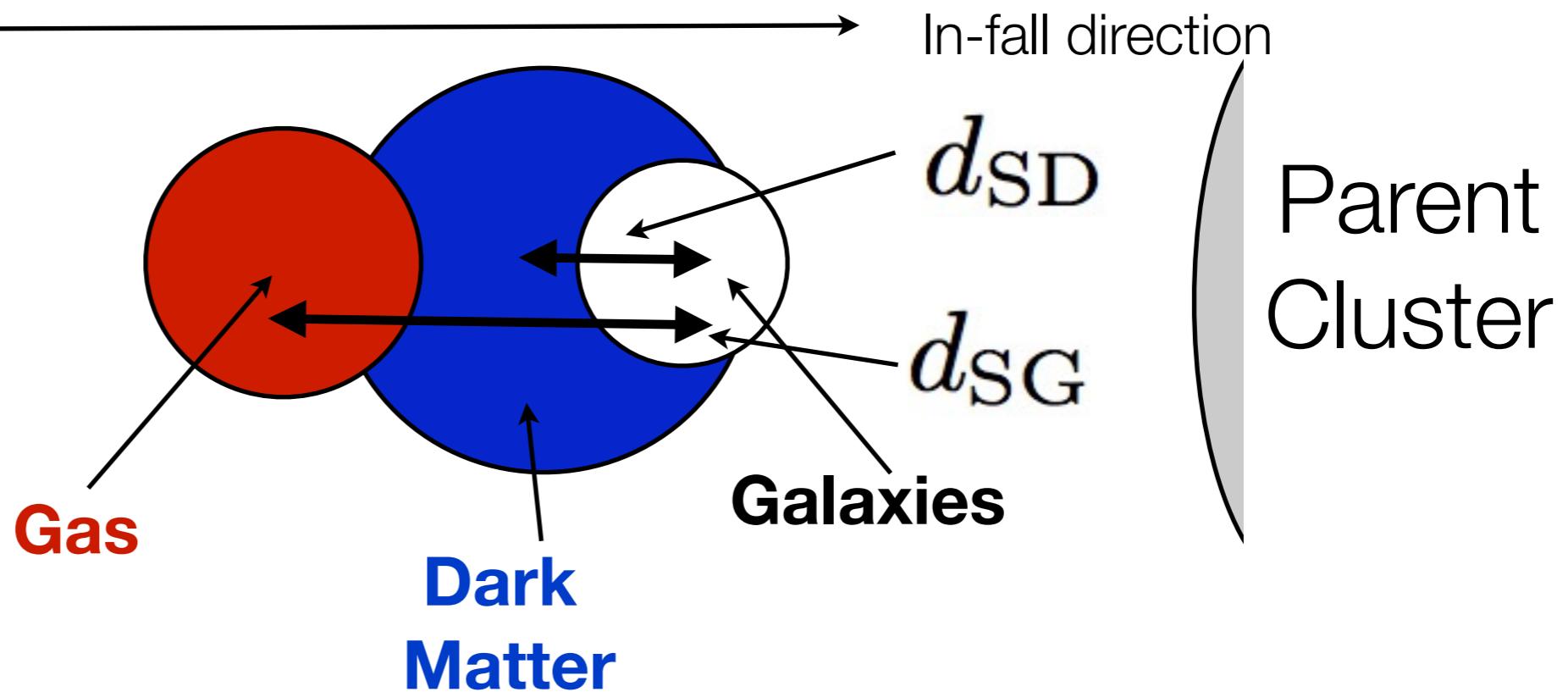
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$$\frac{\sigma_{DM}}{\sigma^*} = \frac{\sigma_{DM} M_D}{2 C_D A_D m}$$

# Our analytical model of in-fall

- Cluster Potential
- DM Sub-Halo potential
- Retarding Drag Force



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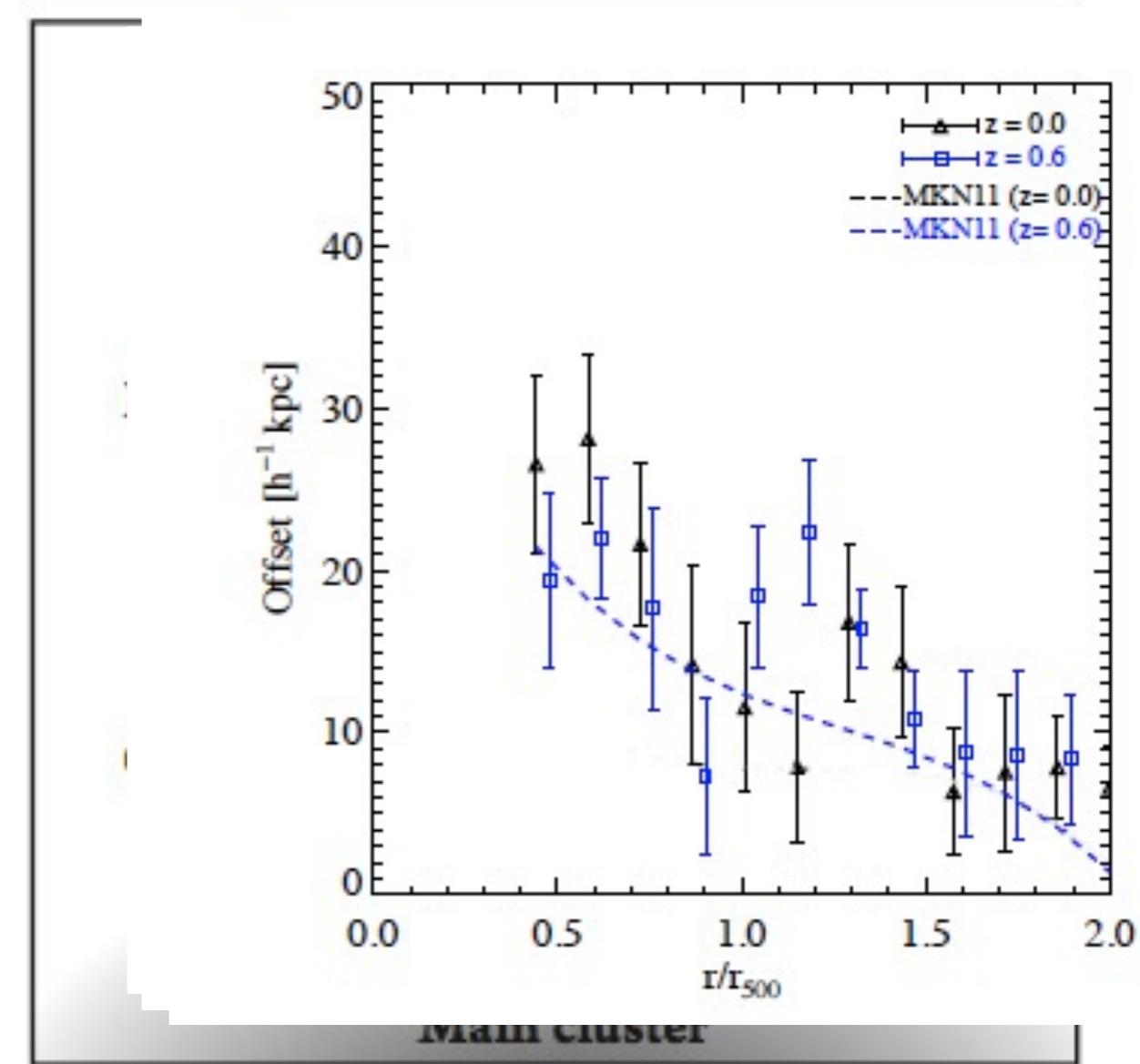
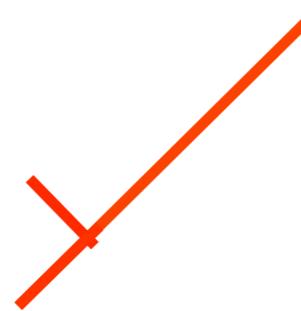
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# Testing on noise free simulations

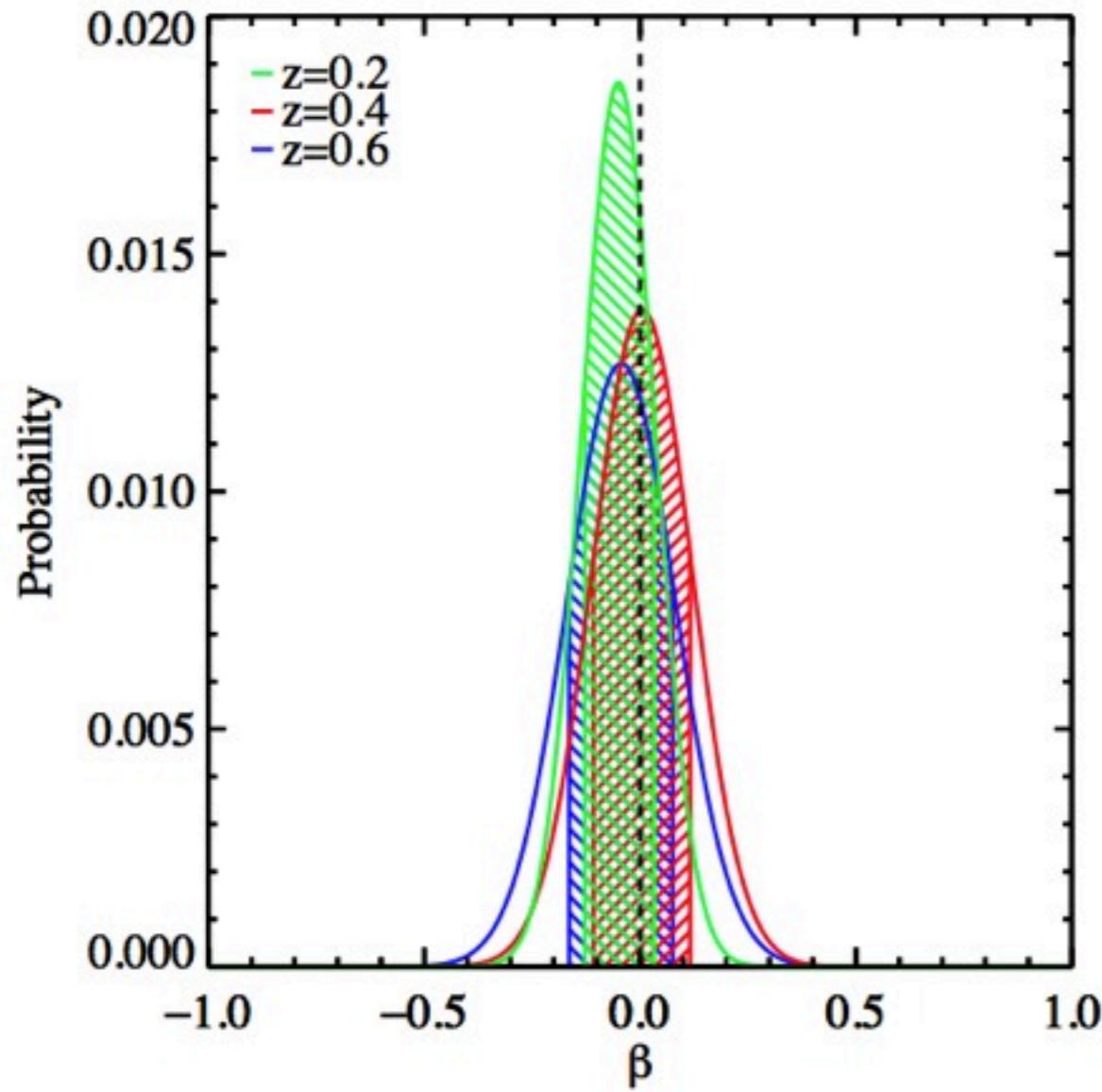
$$\beta \equiv \frac{d_{\text{SD}}}{d_{\text{SG}}}$$

Observables:

- ★  $d_{\text{SG}}$
- ★  $d_{\text{SI}}$
- ★  $d_{\text{DI}}$

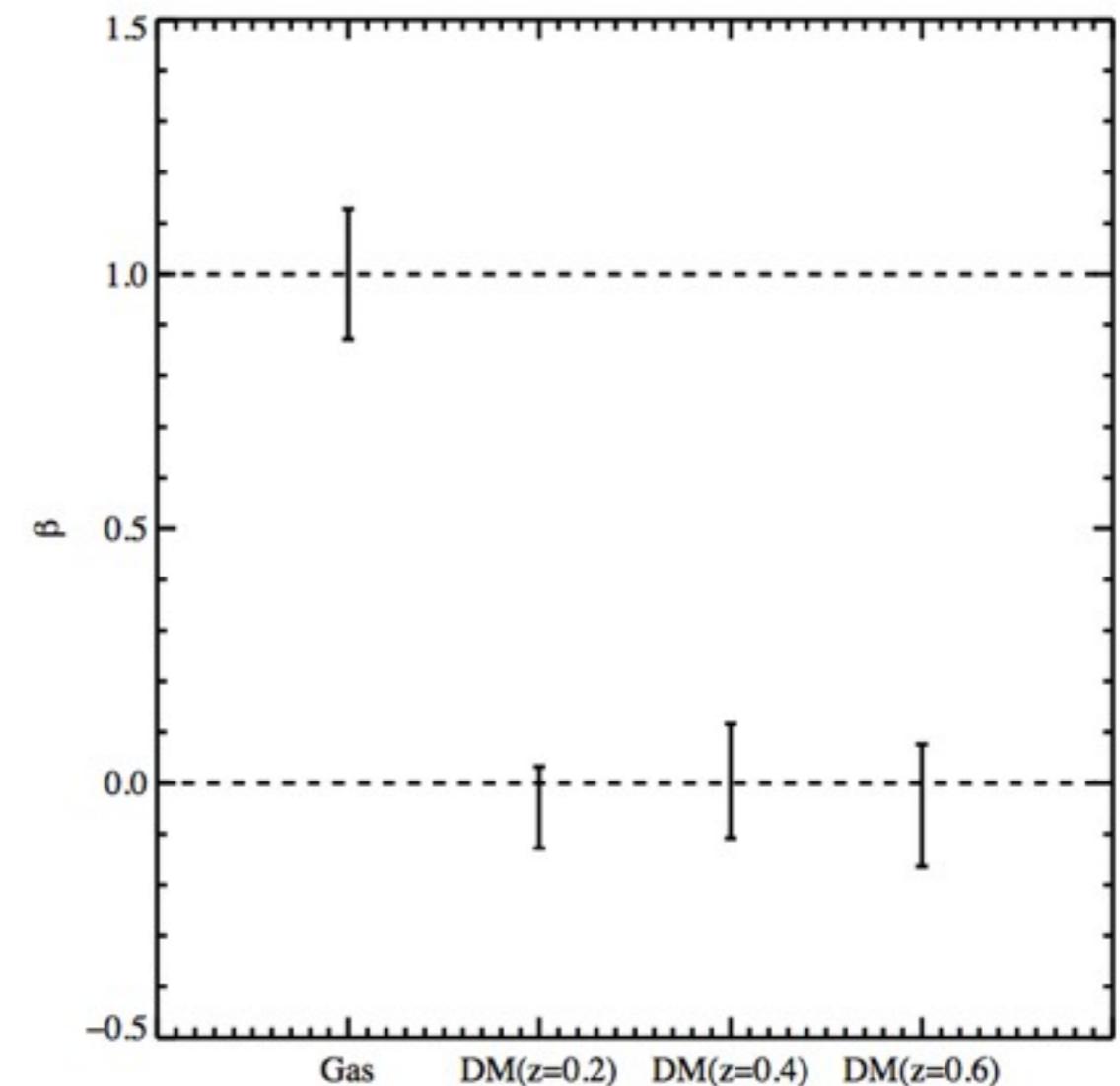


Harvey et al 2013b (in prep.)



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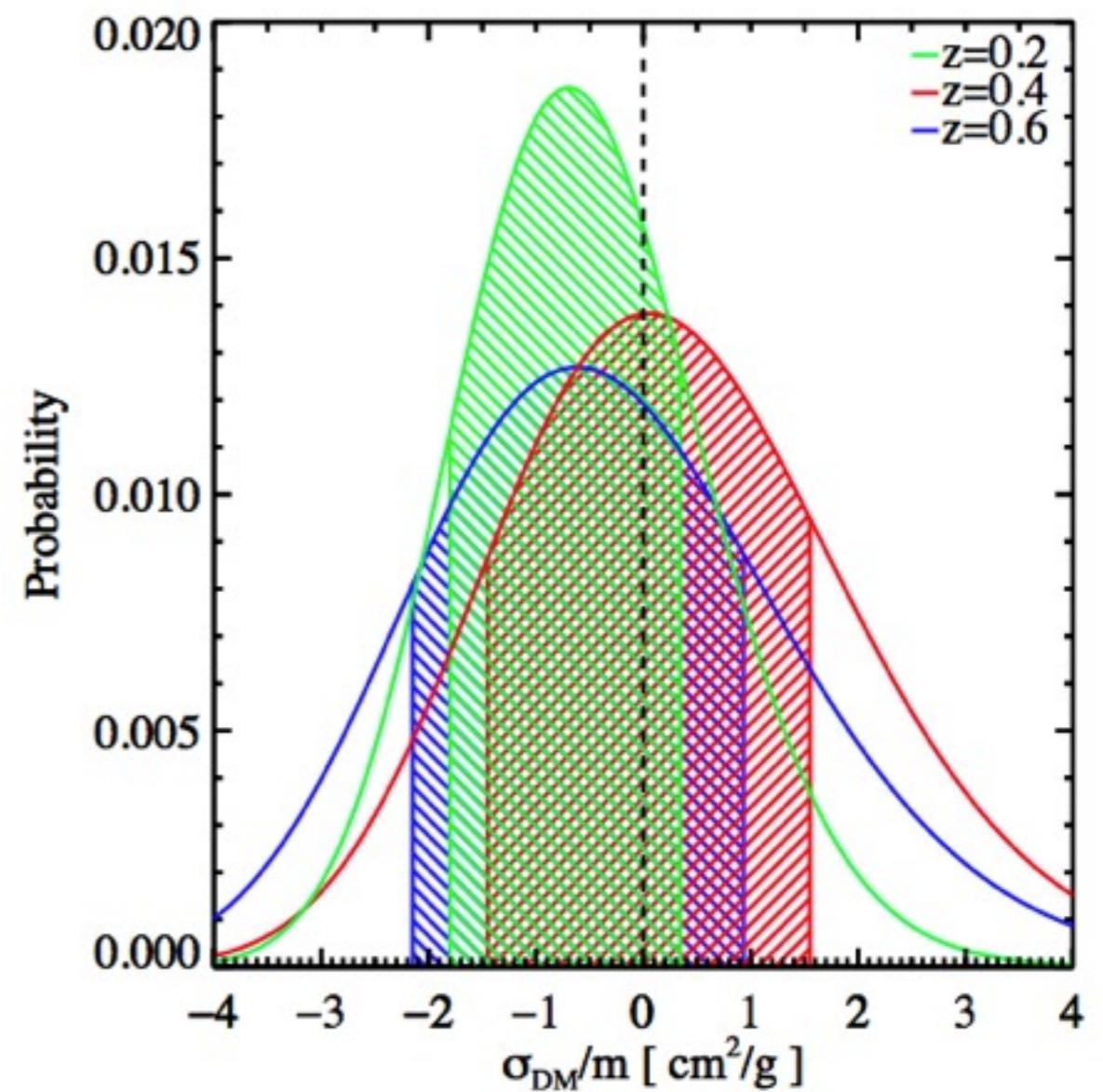
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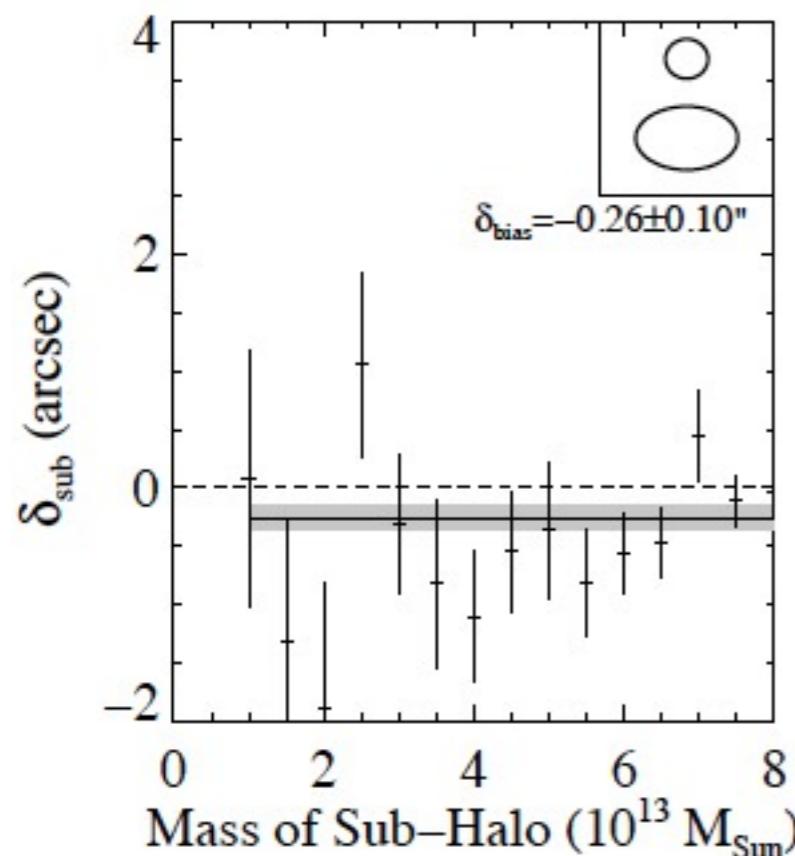
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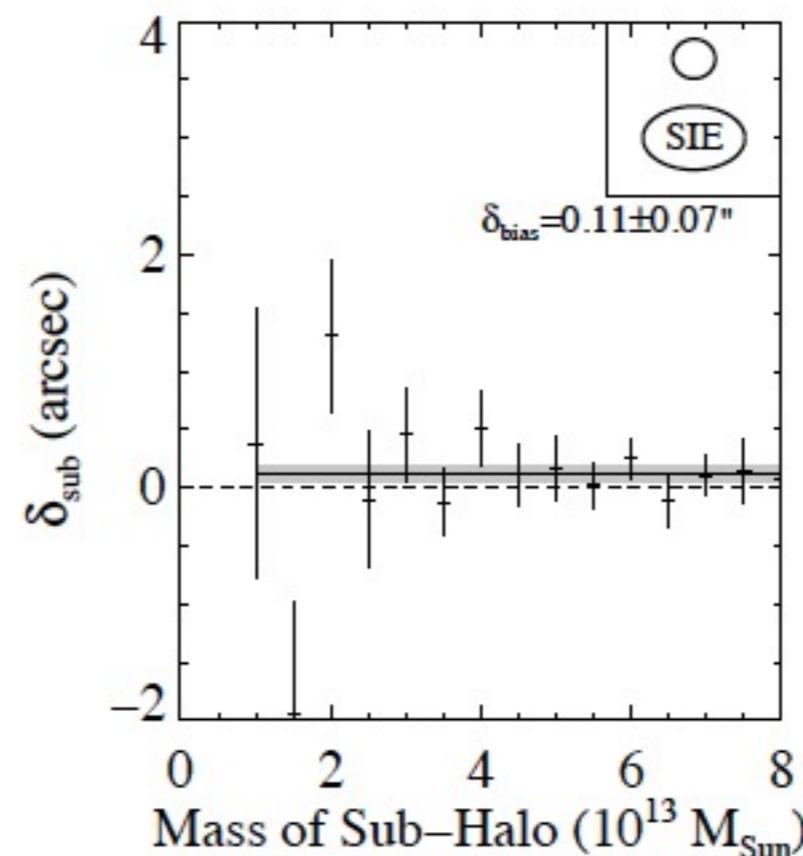


# Accuracy of sub-halos in galaxy clusters

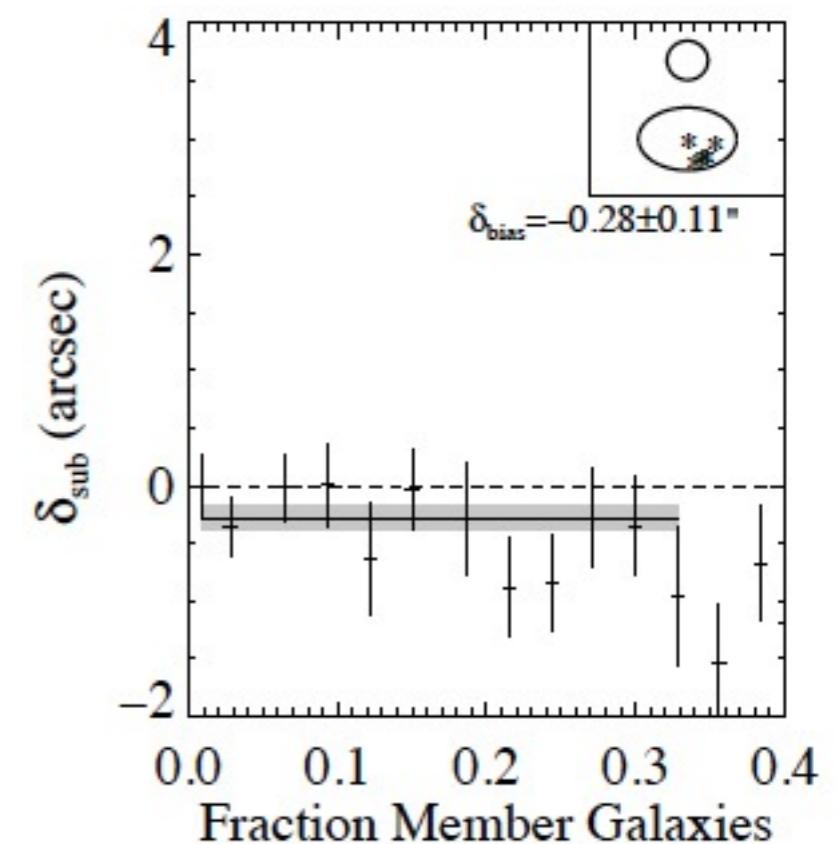
- Statistical efforts : testing for lensing systematics in controlled environments



Shape measurement bias  
Different source redshift



Mis-identification of the  
dark matter halo profile

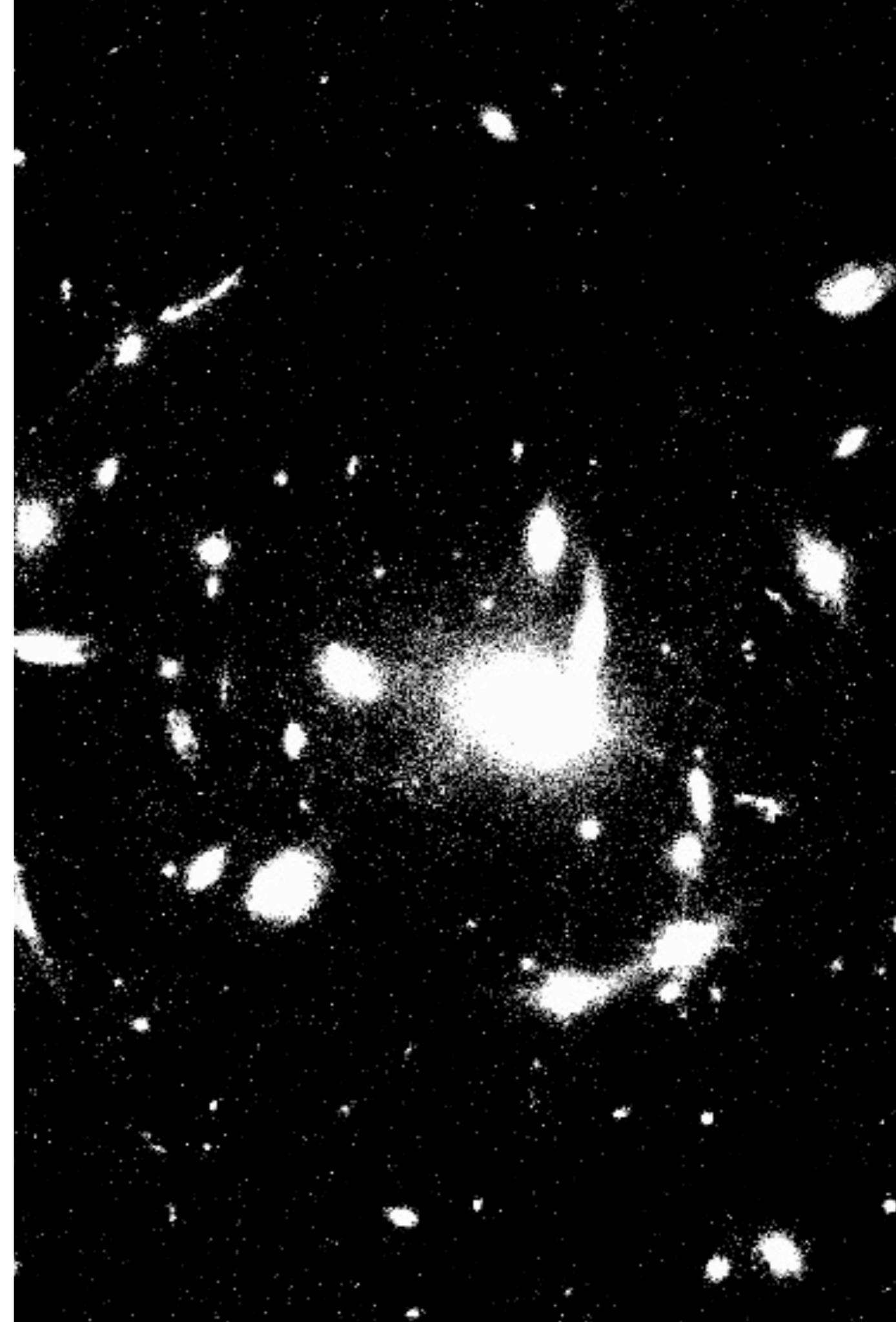


Inclusion of galaxy cluster  
members

# Current Work

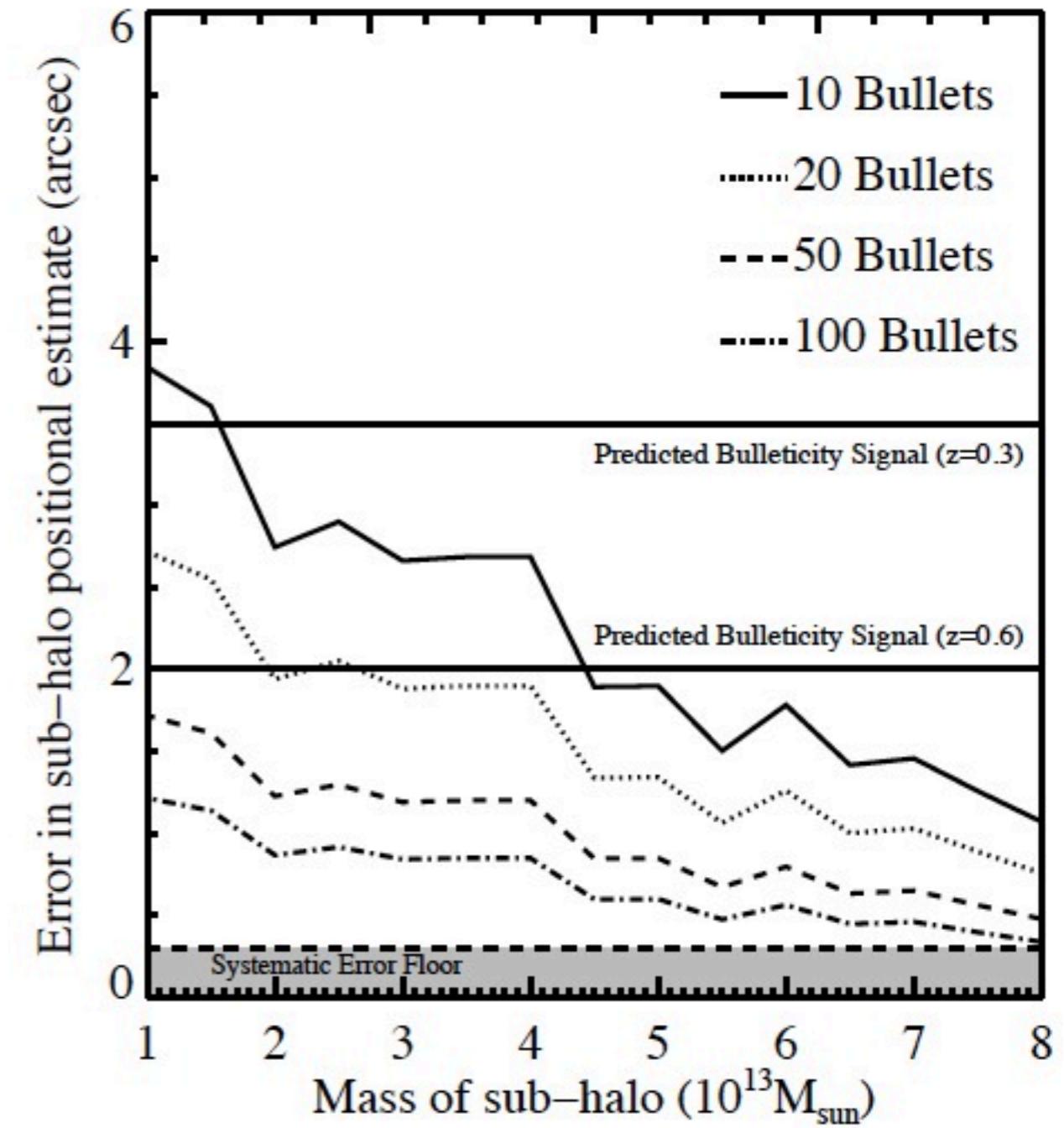
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Measure position of dark matter,  
gas and galaxies in 40 Hubble  
Clusters!



# Future Surveys

- Easily extended
- Shape measurement bias
- SIDM Simulations

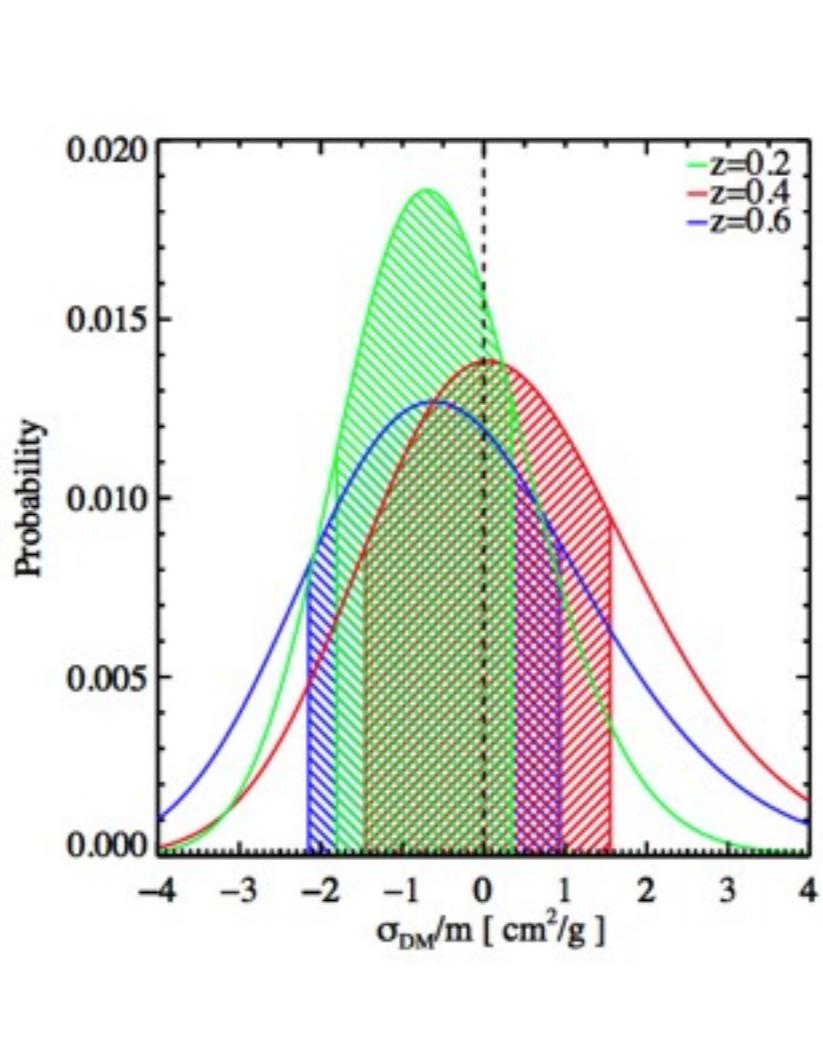


Harvey et al 2013a

# Take home messages

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- Easily extended to larger samples
- No line of sight dependencies
- No time dependencies



Current data:  
interpret via  
analytic model

Future data:  
will require full  
SIDM simulations

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# Data Science & Astronomy

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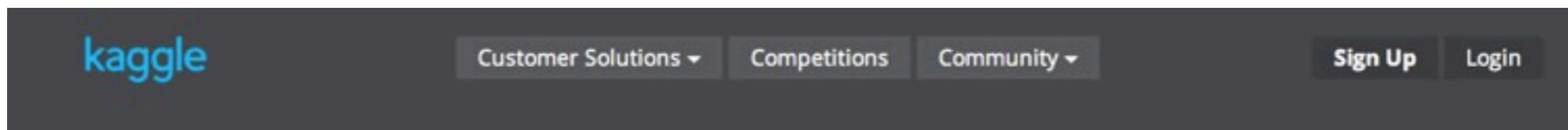
**Kaggle Homepage:**

- Header: Customer Solutions ▾, Competitions, Community ▾, Sign Up, Login
- Profile section: Tim Sallmans (Netherlands), Stefan Henß (Germany), Wayne Z...
- Image: Three headshots of data scientists.
- Text: "Connect with the world's top data scientists."
- Text: "All you need is data and a question. Our data scientists will provide the answer." —Patrick Meier, iRevolution
- Text: "Efficient, fast, straight to the point. Minimal back & forth required." —Patrick Meier, iRevolution

**Active Competitions:**

Category	Competition Name	Description	Duration	Teams	Prize Money
All Competitions	<b>Flight Quest 2: Flight Optimization</b>	Optimize flight routes based on current weather and traffic.	27 days	61 teams	\$250,000
belkin	<b>Belkin Energy Disaggregation Competition</b>	Disaggregate household energy consumption into individual appliances	2 months	86 teams	\$25,000
RavenPack	<b>The Big Data Combine Engineered by BattleFin</b>	Predict short term movements in stock prices using news and sentiment data provided by RavenPack	33 days	135 teams	\$18,500
StumbleUpon	<b>StumbleUpon Evergreen Classification Challenge</b>	Build a classifier to categorize webpages as evergreen or non-evergreen	2 months	165 teams	\$5,000
?	<b>Cause-effect pairs</b>	Given samples from a pair of variables A, B, find whether A is a cause of B.	4.1 days	260 teams	\$10,000

# Competitions





## Observing Dark Worlds

Finished

Friday, October 12, 2012      \$20,000 • 357 teams      Sunday, December 16, 2012

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# Crowd-Sourcing



**Observing Dark Worlds**

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See someone using multiple accounts?  
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2	new	Iain	0.69562	7	Sun, 16 Dec 2012 16:46:58
3	↑73	AMPires	0.71786	35	Sun, 16 Dec 2012 23:27:16 (-24h)
4	↑2	Supernova 🎉	0.72645	104	Sun, 16 Dec 2012 20:05:49 (-2.2d)

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